

**ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2003
EGCSD Administration Building**

ATTENDANCE:

Directors present included Gerald Derr, Doug McElroy, Pat Perez, and Elaine Wright. Director Elliot Mulberg was excused due to a pre-planned family vacation.

General Manager Rita Velasquez, Fire Chief Mark Meaker, Administrator of Parks & Recreation David Wigginton, and Administrative Services Director Jeff Ramos were also in attendance.

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. President McElroy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Director Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. The Board accepted the Certificate of Award presented to the Elk Grove Community Services District by the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) for the EGCSD's 2001-2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, making this the third year in a row the District has received the award, which recognizes outstanding financial reporting and dedication for financial management for special districts throughout California.
2. President McElroy, on behalf of the Board accepted the Award of Excellence for the Creating Community logo and the Achievement Award for the Junior Creek Keepers Program and joined Administrator of Parks and Recreation David Wigginton in recognizing Susie Rogers and Heide Oberg, Department staff who were instrumental in implementing the programs honored by the California Parks and Recreation Society.
3. The Board received a presentation from Mayor Rick Soares, who on behalf of the City of Elk Grove reported the City Council authorized him to open dialogue with the CSD to discuss ownership of Elk Grove Park. The offer is as follows: the City of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove CSD will prepare an offer to the County to convey the park over to both parties as equal owners; the City will pay for all ancillary costs such as the lease with the Southgate Parks & Rec District, legal fees, recordation fees, etc; the Elk Grove CSD will have control over the maintenance and programming of the facility; the city will provide at least \$1 million for much needed capital improvements to the park.

Individuals who were in support of a joint park ownership between the CSD and the City included Councilman Mike Leary, Councilman Jim Cooper, who spoke on behalf of the Elk Grove Girls' Softball League, and George Lotz.

Residents who supported the CSD's decision to enter into a lease agreement with Sacramento County included Steve Barneti, Stephen Cosenza, Lorraine Drake, Danetta Garcia, Richard Goering, Sarah Johnson, Gayle Mooney, Davies Ononiwa, Sandi Russell, and Lynn Soto.

Ron Suter, Administrator of Sacramento County's Parks Department stated due to budget cuts, priorities set by the County unfortunately did not include County parks. He indicated he has been working with Rita for the last two months in putting together the lease agreement resulting in a win-win for both the community and the County.

Because the County Board of Supervisors has yet to approve the item, details negotiated in the lease cannot be made public at this time; the item is agendaized for the Board of Supervisors' approval at their meeting next Tuesday in a closed-door session.

Mr. Suter stated while the park is in Elk Grove, residents need to realize that taxpayers countywide pay for the maintenance of the Park, with funding coming from County general funds. Mr. Suter also indicated the County is not in the business of selling parks, therefore Elk Grove Park is not up for sale.

The Board thanked Mr. Suter, Mayor Soares, Council members Leary and Cooper, and the community for their input and testimony. After careful consideration, the Board directed staff to proceed on the lease partnership with the County of Sacramento for the maintenance and operation of the Elk Grove Regional Park and encouraged the City of Elk Grove to participate in co-sponsorships of future events as a way of building a stronger community. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Retiring Fire Chief Mark Meaker addressed the Board and General Manager Rita Velasquez thanking them for their support over the past five plus years in working together to build an outstanding Fire Department. Chief Meaker also expressed his appreciation to the Board and General Manager on their decision to promote Chief Grueneberg and felt the Fire Department would be in good hands.

The Board expressed their gratitude to Mark for raising the bar in terms of the overall quality of the Fire Department and for creating a path and a plan for the future. Rita also expressed her appreciation for the great job Mark has done during his tenure, which at times proved to be difficult and challenging. Rita stated although this was Chief Meaker's last official meeting, she will save her good-bye for his retirement party in June.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. The Board approved the April 1, 2003 regular Board meeting minutes. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
2. The Board ratified payment of the March 2003 bills and payroll for the EGCSO; and received and filed the Budget Status Reports for the month of March 2003. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
3. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2003-19, authorizing an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Elk Grove CSD Board of Directors. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
4. The Board approved Resolution No. 2003-23, rejecting in whole the claim filed on behalf of Tanya Cato. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
5. The Board approved Resolution No. 2003-16, allowing the District to apply for grant funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
6. The Board approved Resolution No. 2003-17, appropriating \$10,000 in the Parks Department Elk Grove Pool budget, Index 9340, Account 2122 (Chemicals) – \$1,000, Account 2192 (Electricity) – \$1,000, and Account 4302 (Other Equipment) – \$8,000, with offsetting revenues, Account 9646 (Recreation Charges) – \$10,000. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
7. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2003-18, honoring Glenn Houde for his significant contributions to the Elk Grove community. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.
8. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2003-20, declaring the weeds on the properties listed in Attachment "A" a public nuisance. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.

F. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. President McElroy opened the advertised public hearing for adoption of the land use and development plans for the Laguna Meadows and Jean Hawkins Parks; the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2003-21 and 2003-22, certifying the negative declaration for each park; and to certify the "Lead Agency Final Determination of Exemption from AB 3158 Environmental Review Fee" for each park.

With no comments received from the public, a motion was made to close the advertised public hearing. Perez-Derr, McElroy, Wright - yes; Mulberg - absent.

The Board proceeded to adopt the land use and development plans for the 2.1-acre Laguna Meadows Park in East Franklin and the 4.5-acre Jean Hawkins Park in Laguna West; the Resolutions certifying the negative declaration for each park; and certified the "Lead Agency Final Determination of Exemption from AB 3158 Environmental Review Fee" for each park. Perez-Derr, McElroy, Wright - yes; Mulberg - absent.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. NONE

H. STAFF REPORTS

1. The Board approved the park development agreements for the Bell South commercial project in Elk Grove/West Vineyard, the Bell South residential project in Elk Grove /West Vineyard, and the Machado Dairy, Schuler Ranch, and Backer Ranch projects in the East Franklin planning area. The Board also approved an amendment to the Laguna Creek South Agreement in East Franklin, which enables the developer to construct onsite park improvements to Johnston Park. Wright-Derr, Perez, McElroy - yes; Mulberg - absent.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the final design for the proposed Senior Center expansion, with the understanding that Building Maintenance Coordinator Dan Kunz will monitor the construction on behalf of the District. Wright-Derr, Perez-McElroy - yes; Mulberg - absent.

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS

1. Budget/Finance/Insurance Committee - Director Perez - No report.
2. Fire Committee - Director Derr - No report.
3. Parks and Recreation Committee - President McElroy stated minutes from their previous meeting were enclosed in the Board packet.
4. Policies & Procedures Committee - Director Wright stated minutes from their March 26 meeting were also included in the Board packet.
5. Strategic Planning Committee - Director Wright - No report.
6. Fire Communications Board - President McElroy stated the Board is still in the process of developing a Master Plan for the Fire Communications Center and that they have developed a formula and method to determine projections for calls-for-service as well projected human and equipment needs when the new Com Center is built in 2010.
7. Senior Center Board - Director Wright reported a special Board meeting was held to approve the Senior Center Manager's salary; their next regular meeting is scheduled for April 22.
8. Sacramento Council of Parks & Recreation - Director Derr - No report.
9. Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee - Jeff Ramos - No meeting.
10. LAFCo - The report will be deferred until the next meeting due to Director Mulberg's absence.

11. Miscellaneous Reports – Pat Perez commended Jerry Fox and his crew for putting on an outstanding Creek Clean-up event and stated it was one of finest one that he had ever experienced.

J. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. NONE

K. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

1. In response to Director Derr's comment that the Board Room needed a PA system that works, Rita reported staff is already looking into the matter.

L. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An Executive Session was opened at 8:10 p.m. regarding the following closed Session item:
 - a. Public Employment – Title: Fire Chief
(*Government Code Section 54957*)

N. REOPEN REGULAR MEETING

1. President McElroy reopened the regular Board meeting at 9:20 p.m. The Board unanimously approved an employment contract with Keith Grueneberg as Fire Chief of the EGCSD. Perez-Wright, Derr, McElroy – yes; Mulberg – absent.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, President McElroy adjourned the regular meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita K. Velasquez
Secretary of the Board